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1. information on component units of the 19th
"Borjan Khmel'nitski Order" Mecc Div

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a. 153th Hv Tank Regt: Equipped with 65 JS III tanks and 20 JSU 152 self-propelled guns (weight: about 60 tons; speed: 20 to 25 mph; crew: 5 men; armament: One 152-mm gun and one large-caliber machine gun).

b. Mortar Regiment: Composed of two battalions of three batteries each. Each battery consisted of two platoons. Weapons: 24 mortars of 120 mm caliber mounted on 3-ton trucks. The trucks also carried firing tables, sighting equipment and ammunition.

c. 62d thru 64th Gds Mecc Regts: Each regiment had 1,000 to 1,200 troops. The following heavy units were assigned to the regiment:

(1) One tank battalion of three companies, equipped with 36 to 40 T-42 tanks.

(2) One artillery battalion of four batteries, equipped with 12 guns of 76-mm caliber and necessary trucks. The mortar batteries of the mechanized regiments were deactivated in May 1948; the mortars were turned over to the rifle battalions.

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Comment:

a.
 the following component units of the 19th Gds Mecc Div are considered confirmed in the WULNS-DORF-ZOSSEN area until February 1949:

(1) 153rd Gds Hv Tank SP Regt

(2) ? No. Mort Regt (no numerical designation reported)

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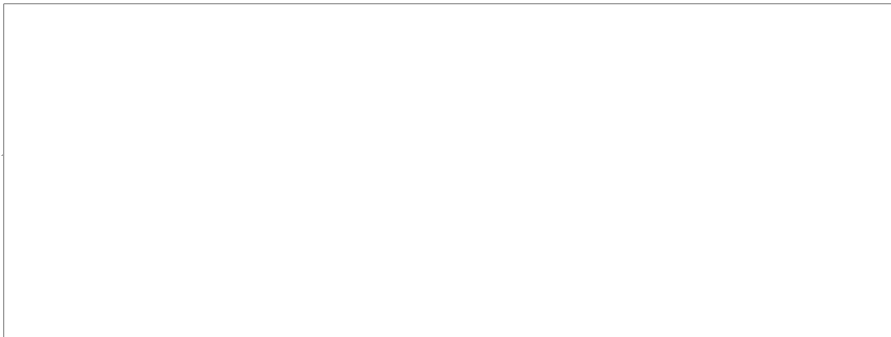
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(3) 62d thru 64th Gds Mecz Regts (the 62d Gds Mecz Regt confirmed in WUSNODORF until 6 June 1949, according to other reports).

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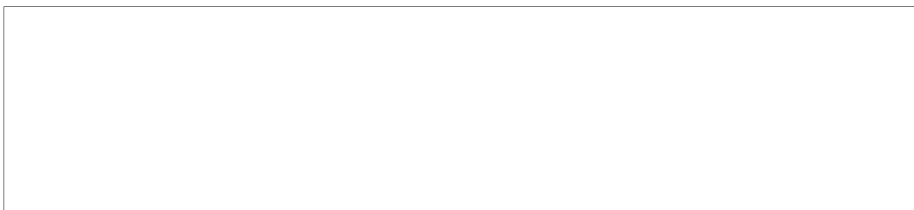


c. Armament of the units:

(1) The reported number of tanks assigned to the 153rd Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt is considered too high. It is assumed that this regiment is equipped with about 43 tanks and 21 self-propelled guns. It is generally believed, however, that the heavy tank self-propelled regiment of a mechanized division is equipped with about 43 self-propelled guns and about 21 tanks. The reported organization of the 153rd Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt (which is an exception among the heavy tank self-propelled regiments of mechanized divisions) has usually been observed only with the heavy tank self-propelled regiments of tank divisions.

(2) A tank of type T-42 is unknown. The tank referred to may have been either the T-34 tank with a 85-mm gun (frequently called T-43 tank) or the new, medium tank.

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